

ROTARY CLUB OF ORMOND BEACH
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach, comprised of business and professional leaders who practice ethical standards in relationships in the community, is a dedicated and respected member of the large international humanitarian service organization. The members of the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach dedicate their time, skills, expertise and other resources to help improve the lives of others in developing countries by supporting the Rotary Foundation, helping to bring families together through its participation in the Children's Grief Center, and providing the youth of our community with six academic scholarships annually through the Darcy Akers Scholarship fund.

It is an asset to Ormond Beach to have a group of men and women who consistently promote truth, fairness, and try to improve relations among citizens in the community. The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach provides friendship and fellowship to its members and visiting Rotarians and are some of the most active local citizens motivating and influencing community leaders through their efforts. The Rotarians of Ormond Beach are true citizens of the World and exemplify the motto "Service Above Self."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rotary club of Ormond Beach on its 50th Anniversary and commend each of its members for their tireless commitment to their local community.

HONORING JACOB J. MARKS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

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Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacob J. Marks, a distinguished citizen of Pembroke Pines, FL who proudly served his nation and his community. Mr. Marks, who unfortunately passed away on April 21, 2001, was an inspiring leader who left a legacy of diligence and devotion for his entire community.

Born in 1921 in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Marks was raised and educated in Pittsburgh. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he met his wife, Harriet. In 1941, Mr. Marks joined the U.S. Marines and courageously served his country until the end of World War II. He fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima and was there when the United States flag was raised on Mount Suribachi. He was always proud to say that the official flag was raised only ten feet from his foxhole. Following his military service, Mr. Marks worked as a draftsman at Blaw Knox, a Pittsburgh engineering company where he remained until he moved to Pembroke Pines, FL in 1984.

After moving to Florida, Mr. Marks became involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Residents immediately recognized

the value of his enthusiasm for and commitment to his community; characteristics which made him a natural leader. Loyal and responsive to the needs of his fellow veterans, Mr. Marks served as the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 177. As treasurer of Pembroke Pines Concerned Citizens, Mr. Marks worked diligently on numerous issues affecting the well being of his community. In his position as Director Emeritus of the Pembroke Pines Democratic Club, he was active in voter registration and community organizing. In addition, he was recently elected as the vice chairman emeritus of the Century Pines Jewish Center Board of Trustees. Always combining his energy with his compassion, he participated in annual charity events such as walkathons to raise money for medical research and disease awareness.

In sum, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marks was a wonderfully caring man whose energetic devotion to Pembroke Pines made him a true community leader. While we mourn his passing, Mr. Marks' legacy of community enrichment will be treasured by current and future generations of Pembroke Pines.

HONORING MRS. JANE B.
GARRISON

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman from my district whose hard work and leadership are rivaled by only a few. This woman, Mrs. Jane B. Garrison, has dedicated the past eight years to the Safe Kids of Savannah Coalition and to the prevention of unintentional injury to children, the number one killer of children. Her hard work has, indeed, made my hometown, Savannah, Georgia, a safer place for children.

Working as the Coalition's Coordinator, Jane Garrison has made Safe Kids of Savannah a truly successful organization. She has been the driving force behind its many charities and functions. Because of Mrs. Garrison, Safe Kids of Savannah has been given many awards, including the 1994 Outstanding Health Promotion Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the 1995 SAFE KIDS of Georgia Coalition of the Year and the 1996 Outstanding Coalition of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

Mrs. Garrison has quietly been an outstanding supporter of protecting and promoting the welfare of children in Savannah since she moved there in 1985. Her other achievements include: the establishment of Boy Scout Troop #57 on Skidaway Island; Chairman of Lifeline of Children, Inc. (a volunteer group that works with the Chatham County DFCS Department to prevent child abuse and neglect); most recent former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Chatham County DFCS; and recipient of the Richard A. Schieber, MD Award for 2001 from SAFE KIDS of Georgia, as an outstanding SAFE KIDS Coordinator.

I think it is only fitting, Mr. Speaker, to add a prayer for the children in honor of Mrs. Garrison's hard work and the SAFE KIDS of Savannah's 10th Anniversary Celebration. This prayer, taken from the SAFE KIDS of Savannah Coalition's 1999-2000 Annual Report,

was adapted from Ina J. Hughes by the Children's Defense Fund. It is entitled, Lest We Forget: A Prayer of Responsibility for Children
WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who never get dessert,
Who do not have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures are not on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who throw tantrums in the grocery store
and pick at their food,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,

Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and
whose smiles can make us cry.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who are not spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,

Who live and move, but have no being

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who want to be carried, and for those who must,

For those we never give up on and for those
who do not get a second chance,

For those we smother . . .

And for those who will grab the hand of anybody
kind enough to offer it.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN, O GOD

May we, ourselves, be an answer to prayer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of a loyal servant of God; a woman whose efforts keep children alive and healthy. Thank you for your dedication Mrs. Garrison, you keep children's dreams alive. God bless these children and Mrs. Jane Garrison for helping them.

HONORING DR. TJ OWENS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. TJ Owens, Vice President of Student Services, who is retiring this month after 10 years of service to the students of Gavilan Community College in Gilroy, CA. Dr. Owens will be much missed by the students, faculty and administration of Gavilan College.

Dr. TJ Owens began his career as a teacher in Barstow, California, after earning his degree from Fresno State. Upon completion of his Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance Education, he served as the Assistant Dean and then the Dean of Student Services at San Jose City College, which is when I first met him. He became the Vice President of Student Services at Gavilan Community College in 1981.

Dr. Owens' commitment to the community, and to education, runs deep: he is a board member of the Gilroy Unified School District and the Gilroy Gang Task Force. He also chairs the Charles, Sr. and Ernestine Williams Foundation. He belongs to the Association of California Community College Administrators, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and the California Community College Chief Student Services Association.

I want to thank Dr. TJ Owens for his friendship, and for his dedication to Gilroy and to